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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KOJI SUEMATSU, ET AL. : EXAMINER: STRZELECKA, T. E.
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FOR: METHOD OF JUDGING RISK FOR :
DRUG-INDUCED
GRANULOCYTOPENIA

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Reconsideration mailed March 25, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-8, 14, 15 and 19-21 drawn to a method for assessing the risk of drug-induced granulocytopenia, the method comprising detecting a polymorphism of the human insulin receptor substrate-2 gene of a subject, and determining the presence of the risk of drug-induced granulocytopenia of a subject by use of the genetic polymorphism as an index.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Group II, Claims 9-13 and 16-18, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.